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Lokoya Program

Careful planning and the enthusiastic backing of the Redwood Empire and Upper Bay Pilgrim Fellowships combine to promise high achievement during the Lokoya Conference, to be held August 8-14 among the Sonoma redwoods, 12 miles northwest of Napa.

Personal religion and the relation of young people to the church will be the focal points for study and discussion in this third year of the camp, as shown by an outline for preparatory study already placed in the hands of young people and their leaders by Director Elmer W. Benedict, Pittsburg, and Program Chairman Ralph C. Waddell, Petaluma.

Leadership in the 1937 Conference is to be shared by Dr. Robert W. Gammon, secretary of the Congregational Education Society, whose morning Forum period will climax class and discussion periods led by Rev. F. E. Boren, Kenwood, Rev. Wilfred Withington, Santa Rosa; Rev. Harold S. Davidson, Cloverdale; Rev. C. C. Champlin, Cotati; Rev. Victor Morgan, Rio Vista; Mr. Wilfred Orr, Benicia; Rev. Chas. L. Mears, Fairfax, and Rev. Wm. R. Steininger, Antioch.

As chaplain, the conference committee has chosen Sebastopol's Rev. George E. (Dad) Atkinson. Recreation will be handled by Dean of Men Rev. Ernest W. Houlding, Berkeley.

At a cost of $5.50, including registration fee, young people of the two associations embraced by the Lokoya district can be assured an unforgettable week of increasing fellowship, enlarged vision, and heightened leadership capacity. To Robert Dings, 745 Black Diamond St., Pittsburg, pastors are urged to send registrations (50 cents each) by August 4. Further inquiries may be addressed to Rev. Elmer Benedict, 271 Ninth St., Pittsburg.

DAILY SCHEDULE—LOKOYA—AUGUST 8-14

Morning

Chapel service—Mr. Atkinson.
Class sessions:
- "How We Got Our Bible" — Mr. Boren.
- "The Rural Church in America"—Mr. Withington.
- "How to Teach a Sunday School Class"—Mr. Davidson.

Discussion groups on "Personal Religion" and "Young People and the Church."
Forum period—Dr. Gammon.

Afternoon

Recreation, swimming, hiking, games, kodaking, etc.

Evening

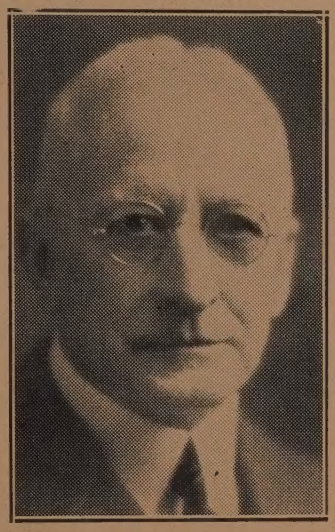
Mixer, stunts, swimming, campfires, Pilgrim Fellowship, consecration service, bed-time vespers.

GOOD NEWS

Just as "Pacific" goes to press, word comes from the office of the Missions Council that at the end of April the apportionment receipts throughout the United States show a very encouraging gain over the first four months of 1937, —a gain that amounts to 16 per cent. Every area in the country save one has a better record than a year ago. Northern California shows a gain of 12.9 per cent.

ASILOMAR CALLS CALIFORNIA YOUNG PEOPLE

Asilomar, for thirteen years the Mecca for Conference-minded youth of Northern California Congregational churches, begins again to exert its magnetic attraction as hundreds of prospective delegates hungrily scan the prospectus of the Pilgrim Fellowship's annual gathering there July 24-31. Since the early weeks of the year, a committee composed of young people and adult counsellors has been at work planning the program. From the process Asilomar emerges with the theme "Jesus and Our Generation," and the promise of maintaining the steady advance which has marked its service to the young people and the churches of this area.



Dr. Robert W. Gammon, long-time Western editor of "Advance." Subject: "Pilgrim Fellowship."

Prof. Obed Johnson, chaplain of Wabash College, teacher in China 15 years. Subject: "Present-day China."

A faculty headed by the Rev. Thomas T. Giffen, pastor of Plymouth Church, Oakland, who will serve as director and chaplain, has been gathered from all California and the Midwest. From Illinois will come Dr. Robert W. Gammon, long-time Western Editor of **Advance,** and leader in many a young people's conference. No stranger to Asilomar will be Dr. Gammon; nor Professor Obed S. Johnson, chaplain of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., whose doctor's degree came to him from the University of California following fifteen years of missionary work in South China; nor Rev. Howard Conn, Asilomar alumnus, now assistant pastor at Stamford, Conn.

To meet the demands of advanced students, seminars are offered by such outstanding visitors as Dr. Raymond C. Brooks, head of the Cumnock Schools, Los Angeles, formerly professor of religion at Pomona College; Prof. Edward V. Tenney of Fresno State College; and the Rev. Lawrence A. Wilson, Sacramento, a member of the National Council for Social Action.

"Repeaters" in the leaders group—by popular request—will be the Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Hayward, Mrs. Dorothy Nelson Bennett, Oakland, and the Rev. John Gregg, Porterville. Music will be in charge of Mrs. Gregg.

A project-centered approach to the problems of the Conference and the home church will be furnished in morning "Work-Shops," a new feature. Class work is to be further varied by the offer of alternative advanced seminars and a more leisurely morning schedule for all delegates. Also a new departure is the opportunity offered during the later afternoon for informal "appreciation hours," in literature, nature study, music, and other fields as may be desired. As usual, evening sessions will include educational, inspirational, and social features.

For a total cost of $15.30 (including $2 registration), Asilomar delegates will be furnished with complete living accommodations — comfortable sleeping quarters with hot and cold running water, a plentiful balanced diet, spacious classroom facilities, health service, and full recreational opportunities, as well as a selected group of subjects as listed below.

Registration cards may be secured from any pastor and from Miss Edith M. Clark, Registrar, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco. All registration cards and fees received by the Registrar by July 15 require only $2 registration fee. Late registration costs $2.50.

DAILY SCHEDULE—ASILOMAR—JULY 24-31

Morning

Chapel Service—Dr. Giffen.
Workshops—
- Social Action—Mr. Wilson.
- Pilgrim Fellowship (for all officers, leaders)—Dr. Gammon, Miss Mann
- Recreation — Leader to be announced.
- Drama—Miss Shackelford.
- Worship—Mr. Conn.
- Journalism—Mr. Morrow.
- World Service—Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Wilson.

Lower Division Courses:
- "Present Day China"—Dr. Johnson.
- "Discovering Jesus"—Dr. Gammon.
- "Recreational Leadership"—Recreation leader.
- "Personal Problems" (Boys) — Mr. Gregg.
- "Personal Problems" (Girls) — Mrs. Bennett.

Upper Division Course:
- "The Old Testament" — Mr. Matthews.
- "Great Leaders in the World of Religion"—Dr. Johnson.

Seminars (100-minute sessions):
- "A Christian Philosophy of Life"—Dr. Brooks.
- "Christian Life Resources" — Dr. Tenney.
- "A Project in Social Education"—Mr. Wilson.

Afternoon

Conference Council and Choir.
Recreation—Tennis, Badminton, trips, swimming, ping-pong, baseball, etc.
Appreciation Firesides:
- "Great Literature"—Mr. Matthews.
- "Nature"—Mrs. Giffen.
- Others as they may be requested.

Evening

Singings, panel discussions, addresses, parties, beach bonfires, director's banquet, communion service, bed-time vespers, etc.

A PERSONAL LETTER FROM A GRATEFUL SUPERINTENDENT

My Dear Friends:

A few days ago Dr. Jason Noble Pierce and Dr. T. T. Giffen called me in and handed me $500, which had come from a large number of friends throughout the Conference. It was the most complete and unexpected surprise that ever came my way. I had fully intended to care for my entire expense on the trip to Europe and to the great conferences at Oxford and Edinburgh, glad of the opportunity to gain something which might be of value to the churches as well as myself. The thoughtfulness of Doctors Pierce, Giffen, and Swartz, and the generosity of all who responded, will enable me to do a number of things that would have been impossible otherwise. I am profoundly grateful and yet deeply humbled. I wish it were possible for me to acknowledge every gift from "over there." Perhaps you will be willing to take the will for the deed and let me use all of my time in improving my opportunities, that I may be able to serve our churches the better on my return.

I am leaving Berkeley by train on Sunday evening, June 13, and San Pedro by boat the following afternoon. It is my expectation to be back at my desk on or before September 20.

Again let me say "Thank you" to the Conference Board for giving me this vacation and to the 150 or more who, in this unforgettable way, have said "bon voyage."

Yours in the Comradeship of Service,
HARLEY H. GILL.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCES NUMBER

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Rev. John H. Gregg, Porterville. Subject: "Personal Problems" (boys).

ASSOCIATION NOTES

The Santa Clara Association met at the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto on Tuesday, May 4. An unusually rich program was arranged, with almost every minister of the association participating and some guests in addition. Officers for the year were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. W. B. Thorp; Assistant Moderator, Mr. J. P. Richards; Preacher, Rev. C. G. Marshall; Registrar, Dr. O. L. Elliott.

The Redwood Empire Association met at Sebastopol on May 5. A feature of the program was a Religious Education Institute put on by the Conference committee. Officers for the year are: Moderator, Rev. C. C. Champlin; Assistant Moderator, Rev. W. Withington; and Registrar, Rev. L. D. Rathbone.

The Upper Bay Association had one of the most successful meetings in recent years, at Suisun. Every church was represented. The program was excellent and the reports from the churches encouraging. Officers for the new year are as follows: Moderator, Rev. W. R. Steininger, and Registrar, Rev. Victor H. Morgan. Next year's meeting will be held at Ambrose.

SOME MINISTERS' SONS

At the Bay Association meeting, Malcolm White, the son of Rev. Hugh Vernon White, and Everett McCartney, the son of Rev. J. H. McCartney, were licensed to preach. It was reported that Robert Cleland, the son of Rev. Gail Cleland, had been licensed in Massachusetts, and that Clayton H. Gill, son of Superintendent Gill, is a licentiate and pastor in Chicago.

Messages From Leaders of Youth

By FRED R. MORROW,
Chairman Conference Committee on Young People's Work.

The Committee on Young People's Work stands back of all three Congregational Summer Conferences for young people. We believe the conference experience contributes to the Christian life of youth and strengthens the work of each local church. We urge pastors, parents, teachers, and counsellors to encourage and assist their young people in the desire to attend.

The Asilomar, Lokoya, and Modoc conferences supplement each other in a wider program which serves youth throughout Northern California. By long tradition the committee directly supervises Asilomar. It cooperates with the other two as far as is consistent with district autonomy. In the committee there is a distinct feeling that district conferences will increase in number and significance during the next years.

In considering what conference to attend, or who to send, these brief considerations are offered: First, the **age group.** Asilomar attempts to meet the needs of young people above sophomore high school grade, and its delegates include a high percentage of college and graduate age. At Modoc and Lokoya, the high school age predominates, and the programs are "keyed" to the period.

Second, **leadership.** Young people of high leadership capacity are needed at each conference. It is hoped that such leaders will, where possible, attend **both** conferences. Asilomar, with its faculty drawn from a wider field, can be increasingly a training school for maturer young people.

Third, **expense.** The camp type of summer program being less expensive, is within the cost range of **more** young people. Churches can count upon many of the young people and their parents being able to carry the full expense of the week. On the other hand, Asilomar usually requires participation by the church or youth group in delegates' expenses. Superior living and classroom facilities at Asilomar have obvious advantages and are deemed worth the cost to those who, with your help, can "make the grade."

MODOC AND TRINITY PLAN Y. P. CAMP

The isolation of Congregational churches in Modoc and Trinity counties, most northerly of Northern California Conference fields, will be no barrier to the enjoyment of a Christian summer camp by young people of that territory, thanks to the courage and zeal of their missionary-pastors, Rev. A. W. Monosmith, Rev. James Salmon, and Rev. J. K. Ballou. Nor will the long journey stand in the way of Conference cooperation in the sending of four leaders to assist in the camp program. Under way are plans for a week's conference near Old Town, 14 miles north of northern entrance of Lassen Park, to begin June 12, and to include class sessions, recreation, story periods, camp-fire programs and worship services.

"Christian Youth Building a New World" has been selected as the camp theme. In addition to leadership furnished by Mr. Monosmith and Mr. Salmon, there are to be courses taught by Miss Mary Coxhead, Oakland; Miss Florence Floyd, San Mateo; and Rev. A. R. Boone, Lodi. The Pilgrim Fellowship will be represented by Miss Viola Mann, who is planning a lively recreation program as her share in the camp life.

By EDWIN T. SHERMAN,
Field Secretary.

Young People's Summer Conferences are means to definite ends. They are not a mere series of holidays for large groups of congenial youth.

The Conference is truly a pleasant pursuit of a serious objective mutually agreed upon and under supervision of mature leadership.

The churches are the primary cause and creator of this constructive method of training the youth for efficient service and well-rounded growth in spiritual life.

It means much to the cooperating churches to promote these young people's conferences. Laymen and ministers alike give their time and talent and loyal devotion without any financial remuneration. They travel considerable distances at financial loss, and discount their vacation periods in order to serve. They also deem it well worth while to send their quota of delegates and to help the young people's organizations meet the delegates' expenses.

Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, Oakland Plymouth (Dean of Women). Subject: "Personal Problems" (girls).

The young people's conference means much more than the financial and personal contribution so gladly made.

There is, first, the sense of the entire church entering into the fellowship of youth, being partners in their adventure into new fields of experience.

Second, it is a purposeful investment in youth, giving youth the newest outlook, new vision through the eyes of the best leadership chosen from wide areas.

Third: It is fruitful to have youth exchange with youth high resolve and to cooperate in spiritual achievement. The conference makes this possible.

Fourth: The churches are making it possible for their young people to find the standards of Jesus and compare them with their own, to raise their own aims in life to correspond with those of Jesus, and then to become familiar with spiritual values and proficient in Christian methods.

Fifth: The young people find common fellowship in companionship and conference with leaders and fellow delegates. These friendships with high souls become true and lasting.

Sixth: The conference surrounds study and learning with joy and enthusiasm, and young people share their experiences in preparation for work in their local churches.

Seventh: It enables youth to gain loyalty to the cause of Christ and leads to consecration of soul to definite service for others and in building the kingdom of God.

Eighth: It enables youth to find God in quiet meditation and devotion with God revealed in nature.

Gaining Ground

During May a little of the ground which had been lost in April was regained. Remittances to the end of May showed a total of about $900 increase over 1936, which is encouraging, but a long way from the amount necessary to make the full gain of $5,000 before the end of the year. The conference and the boards will deeply appreciate promptness of remittances during the summer.

Church	May 1937	Jan. 11 to May 31, '37	Jan. 11 to May 31, '36
Adin	$	$ 9.50	$ 18.29
Alameda	6.08	123.68	157.64
Alturas			23.78
Angels Camp		125.00	25.00
Antioch		16.66	13.80
Auburn		60.00	25.00
Benicia		20.00	20.00
Berkeley,			
First	647.50	3,200.16	2,992.27
Kensington		10.00	
North	50.00	182.45	200.00
Park		19.00	18.47
Campbell		55.00	50.00
Ceres			113.41
Cloverdale	6.05	16.35	31.80
Cotati	2.50	2.50	26.18
Crockett		10.00	28.75
Eureka	26.32	132.78	116.03
Fairfax		11.00	
Ferndale		72.85	52.26
Fresno,			
Cross		10.00	
First	68.12	322.26	274.78
Pilgrim		45.00	
Glen Ellen			2.27
Hayfork			3.00
Hayward		50.00	40.00
Kenwood		13.70	12.30
Lewiston	2.75	2.75	
Likely			5.00
Lockeford			2.50
Lodi, First		360.00	250.00
Loomis		18.00	11.90
Martinez	24.15	116.09	69.92
Murphy		50.00	40.00
Niles		5.00	10.00
Oakland,			
First	441.66	2,368.30	2,313.70
Fruitvale		12.00	5.00
Japanese			5.00
Plymouth	53.34	262.94	205.00
Pilgrim	3.55	18.91	
Oroville		80.00	80.00
Pac. Grove	32.40	139.80	155.11
Palo Alto	150.00	600.00	250.00
Paradise		47.33	46.00
Petaluma	23.55	234.99	165.25
Pittsburg	12.26	45.41	43.06
Port Chicago			2.65
Porterville		37.50	25.00
Redwood City		160.00	175.00
Ripon	13.68	46.59	16.09
Sacramento	36.67	181.25	212.86
San Carlos		18.23	
S. F. Bethany			
Msn. Park	58.68	132.42	92.46
First	106.90	538.55	554.40
Ocean View		15.00	6.83
Richmond	7.00	16.00	22.11
San Jose	40.00	270.00	173.00
San Leandro		29.23	26.50
San Mateo		60.00	
San Rafael		24.00	20.00
Santa Cruz		150.00	160.00
Santa Rosa	11.00	64.50	75.27
Saratoga		150.45	106.73
Sebastopol	11.90	92.75	85.93
Sonoma		19.30	25.15
Soquel	10.00	20.00	15.00
Stockton	33.55	131.50	183.33
Suisun		35.45	45.00
Tulare		120.00	95.00
Weaverville	29.51	61.16	35.40
Reno, Nev.	24.43	145.20	141.05
Miscellaneous	13.28	366.78	650.28
	$ 1,946.83	$11,755.27	$10,847.51

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 12-19—Modoc Pilgrim Fellowship Conference.

June 22 to July 2—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.

July 4-10—Christian Youth Conference of California Church Council, Lake Alpine, Calif.

July 18-23 — Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.

July 24-31—Asilomar Pilgrim Fellowship Conference.

August 8-14—Lokoya Pilgrim Fellowship Conference.

October 26-28 — Annual meeting of State Conference, First Church, Oakland.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. On Sunday, May 16, First Church and Temple Methodist began their plan of worshiping together. For the present the pastors will divide the preaching responsibilities. The choirs, the Sunday schools, and the boards of ushers have been merged. Each church pays its own minister and secretary and the remaining expenses are divided. Regular church subscription envelopes go to the respective treasurers and the cash offering is divided. No permanent organization or federation has yet been formed.

CLOVERDALE. Five new members have been received recently. The church is becoming attendance conscious. Young people are used in the program of religious education. When a boy tells a Bible story to another and that story is told back, he wins a feather. One boy has 48 feathers. The stories are then told in public, making continuous history. Rev. Harold S. Davidson is pastor.

SANTA ROSA. The Sunday school has gained one-third and church attendance one-half. The church is receiving much help from Plymouth Club of younger married people, both financially and socially. New rest rooms have been installed and the kitchen enlarged. Rev. Wilfred Withington is pastor.

BERKELEY, PARK. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, has been presented with a complimentary membership in the Berkeley Post of the American Legion. The Legion attended services on Memorial Sunday. Mr. Watt delivered the Memorial address over KRE for the Daughters of the Civil War Veterans.

SUNNYVALE. Showing the problems which some pastors are facing, Rev. C. G. Marshall reports that whereas twenty years ago 75 per cent of Sunnyvale school children were Protestant, today over 75 per cent are Catholic.

CAMPBELL. At the association meeting it was reported that $7,000 has been paid on the church debt during the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Bennett. Benevolences are raised by Cent-a-Meal boxes. There are work shops for boys in the church basement.

PORT CHICAGO. After three years of service Rev. B. Dent Naylor has resigned and expects to retire from active service. The property, both parsonage and church, has been redecorated.

AMBROSE. The church membership is now 41 and the Sunday school enrollment 92. The building has been reroofed and a new kitchen has been added. Mr. Ed Cunningham has been serving the church the past year.

PITTSBURG. Thirty-one new members were received during Lent. A junior choir of 32 assists with music every Sunday morning. Rev. E. W. Benedict is pastor.

SARATOGA. Six young people were received into the church on confession of faith at the May communion. Rev. Burton M. Palmer is pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Rev. T. T. Giffen, the minister, spent a Sunday and the following week at the Union Church in Yosemite Valley.

MARTINEZ. The ladies of the church have been organized into Circles, and the membership has been increased from 30 to 73. Rev. Westwood Wallace, the pastor, received nine new members at Easter time. The Sunday school is increasing by one or two new pupils each Sunday. There are four young people's societies. New robes have been secured for the choir, and $750 has been paid on the church debt since January 1.

ALAMEDA. A panel discussion on "What Youth is Thinking" was put on at a Sunday evening service by six young people. Another on "The Problems of Motherhood" by several mothers was presented the evening of Mothers' Day. The church has voted to reorganize on a working basis so that each member will serve on at least one active committee. Rev. Gail Cleland is pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE. All dinners and food sales for money raising purposes have been dropped, the women contributing $5.00 each instead of carrying the burden of extra labor. The church suffered a loss in the death of one of its active members, Mrs. George Schuyler. Rev. John H. Hunter is pastor.

SAN JOSE. This church received a gift of $500 from an unknown friend. Panel discussions on social questions, including gambling, war, transient peoples, migrant labor, and the California Youth Act, have created widespread interest. Rev. Benjamin Gould is pastor.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. Mr. N. Kodaira has been secured as pastor. He is a graduate of Tokyo Theological Seminary and is to study at Pacific School of Religion. He is the son of a former pastor of the church and graduate of the Pacific School of Religion.

SAN MATEO. The budget has been over-subscribed, and benevolences increased by 50 per cent, in addition to the clearing up of a deficit of $1,200 from 1936. A new World Service Committee has been organized. Rev. Sidney Buckham is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Rev. Dillon Wesley Throckmorton preached during the Sunday evenings of May on "Paths to the Presence of God,"—through Nature, Science, Humanity, Worship, and Jesus.

TRINITY COUNTY. The Weaverville church put on a musical for the benefit of the Hayfork building fund and raised $100. Rev. James D. Salmon is pastor.

WOODSIDE. There are seventeen young people in the Pilgrim Fellowship. Mr. T. G. W. MacCracken has been serving this church since the first of the year.

GLEN ELLEN. Rev. F. E. Boren gives a brief sermon at the close of the Sunday school each Sunday morning.

WALTER T. MARTIN

Mr. Walter T. Martin, a member of North Church, Berkeley, and father of George S. Martin, formerly president of the Conference Board of Directors, passed away at his home on May 12. He was for many years connected with the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A., as is also his son.

ANTIOCH. Twenty-one new members were received at Easter, and "The Congregators," organized for the purpose of good fellowship, held their first meeting in honor of the new members. The party was in the form of a summer cruise, featuring deck games. About 50 were present. Church reports a balance in the treasury at the end of every month. Rev. W. R. Steininger is pastor.

OAKLAND-FRUITVALE. The Mothers' Day service drew a congregation of 150. Several patriotic organizations were guests of the church on Sunday, the 23rd. Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, is much in demand at various gatherings as a speaker. He has been very cordially and enthusiastically invited to preach at Santa Cruz one Sunday during June, where he is affectionately remembered as a former pastor.

SAN CARLOS. The amount of missionary aid requested by the church has been reduced. Rev. Alden A. Read, the pastor, reports that the Women's Association has doubled in membership, a fine junior choir furnishes music once a month, and that the Primary Department of the Sunday school overflows its quarters.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. On Mothers' Day fourteen were received into membership on confession of faith and seven by letter. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, pastor, plans to remain at his post during the summer to carry through the Emancipation Fund campaign.

SOQUEL. Four Christian Endeavor girls were received on confession of faith on Mothers' Day. One of them is granddaughter of the oldest living member and her great grandfather built the steeple of the church nearly seventy years ago. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

PALO ALTO. Benevolences and minister's salary have been restored to pre-depression levels. The building has been renovated. Rev. W. B. Thorp, the pastor, is proud of his highly efficient and well-graded Sunday school.

ADIN. The valley Memorial service was held in the Adin church with patriotic organizations as guests. The church was crowded on Mothers' Day. Rev. A. W. Monosmith is active in many community interests.

CROCKETT. As a piece of splendid work, the Crockett church provides transportation for 18 children from Tormey to Sunday school every Sunday. Rev. Rudolph Caughey is pastor.

WHITAKER RETURNS TO CHINA

Rev. Robert B. Whitaker is to return to China in the autumn. He served for a number of years in evangelistic work before taking up the pastorate at Tulare, Calif. He will probably be in student and social welfare work at the Frame Memorial Center in Peiping. During the last few years Mr. Whitaker has been at Freewater, Ore.

CHAPLAIN CHERINGTON

Rev. Reed B. Cherington has been appointed by the United States Veterans' Bureau as Protestant chaplain at the Veterans Administration Facility at Palo Alto. He will carry on this duty in addition to his office as chaplain to the Fortieth Division of the National Guard.

BENICIA. Congregations have been increased during the pastorate of Mr. Wilfred I. Orr, young people making up about half of the attendance. The Sunday school has a full corps of teachers; the Ladies' Social Circle is more prosperous and efficient than it has been in years; a number of new members were received on Easter, and the minister's salary has been increased.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO In all probability Rev. Edgar E. Wilson will close his pastorate at this church with the meeting of the Methodist Conference in Stockton. Mr. Wilson has been very popular with the Congregational wing of the federation, and goes with the respect and affection of all who know him. His successor will be appointed at the conference.

SUISUN. At the association meeting report was made of six new members during the past year. The Social Action Committee of the church has installed a very interesting literature table. Rev. H. E. Buckner, Methodist minister of Fairfield, who serves the Suisun church, is a very excellent host.

REDWOOD CITY. This church boasts of the fact that it has twelve men on the faculty of the Sunday school. The debt of the church has been reduced and budgets have been increased. Rev. Charles E. Ward is having a very enjoyable pastorate.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. During the absence of the pastor, Mr. C. W. Kirkpatrick, the church will be supplied by Rev. Henry Stauffer and Rev. M. J. Minkler. Mr. Kirkpatrick is in student summer service in Idaho.

KENWOOD. The children attend the early part of the service and listen to a story by Rev. F. E. Boren. This has increased the size of the congregation.

PENNGROVE. According to Rev. C. C. Champlin, the Sunday school has made marked growth and the attendance at church has been trebled.

COTATI. Bradford Champlin, son of the pastor, recently preached at a Sunday morning service.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Wm. T. Sadler

The next Federation meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 31. (Note the change from the usual date). There will be no speaker. The work of our secretaries and association presidents will be discussed. Immediately following this meeting will be the Retreat for Association Presidents.

INDIA AND CHINA

Mrs. C. A. Kofoid spoke on the past, present, and future of missionary work. As to the present: In India Dr. Ambedkar's announcement that he had decided to leave Hinduism and would seek to lead the 50 million of his fellow out-castes into some other religion has put the Christian church on tiptoe in its desire worthily to meet this great opportunity.

In China an interesting sample of the work done by our 481 missionaries in 14 countries is the Fan Village Rural Center near Poatingfu, North China. It has grown out of an experiment begun about three years ago by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hubbard of our American Board. The program is based on cooperation for the common good, a large element of self-help, and a capacity for reproduction. Some results to date: apathy of the village changed to complete cooperation; three small village lending libraries; weekly motion picture or lantern slide entertainments; American cotton seed and improved millet seed secured; 100 peach, apple, and pear trees purchased by villagers and set out, also 800 trees for shade and lumber. (China is almost a treeless country); perhaps most important, the digging of wells to offset droughts; classes in midwifery and classes for training of health workers. A Chinese wedding, devised and arranged by Mr. Liu, assisting the Hubbards, which cost only $10 Chinese ($3 U. S.) yet was so dignified and effective that the 200 guests approved and many plan to follow this revolutionizing precedent of simplicity. The villagers connect this work definitely with Christianity; have requested Bible study classes and many are enrolled as inquirers, the recognized first step toward Christianity.

Why not secure the study books for next fall **now**, so as to have them for the leisure time of summer vacation? They are sure to be interesting! "Mecca and Beyond" by E. M. and R. W. Dodd, and "What is This Moslem World?" by Charles R. Watson, both paper covered (50c and 60c). Highly recommended also is a book just out: "Moslem Women Entering a New World" by Ruth Frances Woodsmall, the result of her travel among Moslem peoples, on the Rockefeller Foundation. At the request of our Secretary of Literature, Mrs. Oscar McCoy, this book has just been put into the Oakland library.

Our Federation is sending two delegates to the M. E. M. Conference at Asilomar, July 18 to 23,—Mrs. Oscar McCoy of Plymouth Church, Oakland, and Mrs. R. M. McClelland of Cloverdale.

Dr. John L. Lobingier, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, would like the names of churches having young adult groups (age 25 to 40 years).

The suggested gift of $1.00 toward traveling expenses of association presidents has been paid by a number of churches.

MIGRANT LABOR

Our migratory labor situation is rapidly changing and data three months old cannot be relied on. California has 365 days of growing season, and 48 of its 59 counties use migratory labor to harvest crops. There are 150,000 migratory laborers in California, 50 per cent of the migratory labor in the United States. Seventy-five per cent of these migrants are from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee, driven out by drought and dust. They will not work with the Mexicans, formerly our largest migratory labor group, now pushed into large cities (chiefly Los Angeles) and on relief. Is our problem due to the growers' greed? No, not in most cases. Most growers can hardly make expenses. Many do much to aid the laborers, and almost all cooperate with Miss Ballard and her nurses in the field. Miss Adela J. Ballard (permanent address: 927 E. 20th St., Oakland) is Western Supervisor of Migrant Work in California, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado, under the interdenominational Council of Women for Home Missions. She is considered the foremost authority in the United States on migratory labor, and as such has been called to the National Social Welfare Conference now in session in Indianapolis, Indiana. What can we do? (1) Support our Home Missionary movement, of which the migrant work is a part. (2) Aid by volunteer service in Day Nursery, Daily Vacation Bible School, Public Health projects, etc. (3) Be friendly to migratory peoples and help in establishing better attitudes toward life. Our educators are realizing that the most important thing our schools can do for migrant children is to develop right attitudes in them. (4) Keep our own quietness of mind. The only adequate solution is the spirit of Christ in the hearts of all people.—From Mrs. Chester Marliave.

WHAT PRAYER DOES

Prayer is adjustment. We live in a world of spiritual resources, and prayer is the means by which we appropriate them. Prayer accomplishes: (1) Physical healing (Alexis Carrol in "Man in the Making" and Dr. Cabot, Mass. General Hospital, both maintain that through prayer the healing forces of the body are speeded up); (2) Mental healing (Dr. Young, Zurich, Switzerland, says many fall ill mentally because of loss of spiritual adjustment, which results in depression of spirit); (3) Spiritual healing—through forgiveness, love, courage, and positive (not passive) acquiescence in the will of God. Dr. Frank Laubach says our prayers can influence other lives. Muriel Lester tells us, when we pray to build pictures of our friends as we should like to see them. A hundred and five of our women are now using the Fellowship Leaflets, and Mrs. Frank J. Greene has responded to twenty requests for Prayer Guild literature.

The women's organization of each church is asked to take under advisement the matter of securing subscriptions for "Advance," "The Missionary Herald," and "The Pacific." They would receive the agency commission on the first two. It is desired, however, not to interfere with existing arrangements.

The "Presidents' Exchange" costs 15 cents and may be secured by sending one's name to the Missions Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, N. Y.

THOSE QUOTAS

Fourteen churches have reported their quotas completed and sent away and four churches have sent a part. A few extra quotas have been taken, but a number are still waiting. If as individuals or as organizations you can help clear our Federation "slate," please get in touch with Mrs. B. P. Martin, 2141 Rose Street, Berkeley. She also asks that in sending quota money to our American Board treasurer, Mr. Harold B. Belcher, (14 Beacon St., Boston), we carefully designate the mission station and missionary for whom it is intended. Berkeley, North Church is planning an interesting and worthwhile meeting for early fall. Their finished quota will be on display and the program will consist of glimpses of the fields to which the quota goes. Throughout the country last year the equivalent of $17,000 was contributed through quotas.

M.E.M. PROGRAM

The M. E. M. Conference will be held at Asilomar, July 18-23. The following courses are offered:

The Moslem World—Dr. Cass Arthur Reed of Pomona.

Great Religious Movements of the World—Dr. A. D. Stauffacher of Claremont.

Rebuilding Rural America—Mrs. R. W. Blosser of San Francisco.

Missions in the Religious Education Program—Dr. J. W. Bailey of Berkeley. There will be a course in dramatics conducted by Miss Winona Hainer of Los Angeles. The chaplain will be Dr. Jesse R. Wilson of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

Registration fee will be $2.50, and the minimum rate for board and room will be $11.25 provided that a total of 100 are registered. For further particulars, write Mrs. R. W. Blosser, 222 Moncada Way, San Francisco.

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The women of our Weaverville church in Trinity County would like ten copies of a simple anthem.

Cal. Church Council Schools for Christian Living

At the regular pre-summer meeting of the California Church Council, Northern Area, held on Friday, May 21, the four departments of work; namely, Evangelism, Christian Education, Missionary Education and Social Relations, during their afternoon sessions, separately considered definite plans for a follow-up program as the next step after the National Preaching Mission of last fall and winter. In a joint session, the program was unanimously adopted, and presented to the council as a whole at the evening session. By council action, the plan was adopted and a committee set up to proceed with the program. This committee is composed of two representatives from each of the departments and one representative from each of the denominations of the State Council.

Briefly, the program, as it is being adopted nation-wide, will, in a sense, be a School in Christian Living, in which the Protestant churches of a given community will study the advancement of the Kingdom of God as expressed through Personal Christian Living, Christian Family Life, The Church and Its Program, Community Issues Calling for Christian Action, Issues Confronting American Christians, the Mission of Christianity at Home and Abroad.

Those selected on the committee for setting up the initial steps are as follows: Dr. John W. Bailey, Mrs. Rawlins Cadwallader, Mrs. Elizabeth Zartman, Dr. Charles Duncan, Dr. John Burcham, Rev. E. E. Wilson, Dr. Edgar A. Lowther, Dr. James J. Raun, Mr. Lawton D. Harris, Dr. W. Paul Reagor, Dr. Edwin Taft Sherman, Dr. Milo Smith, Dr. J. C. McPheeters, Rev. John Collins, Dr. W. R. H. Hodgkin, Rev. F. H. Schmuck, Dr. H. W. Jamieson and Dr. Harley H. Gill.

The first meeting of this committee was held on Wednesday, May 26. Definite announcement of the program will be made in our next issue.

STOCKING TALES

Admirers of the late Rev. J. T. Stocking will be delighted to learn that another book of his stories for children has been published by the Pilgrim Press, under the title, "Stocking Tales." Dr. Stocking's stories, several volumes of which have appeared, have a rare charm, and teach most valuable lessons without preachments. There is a quality of feeling and childlike humor, and a natural emphasis on the beauties of life that make this collection one of unusual worth. Orders may be placed through the Pacific Book Service; the price is $1.25.

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